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Local Matters.

Tribute to the Officers and Crew of the Cutter.

An informal meeting was held at noon yesterday at the office of Ex-Gov. Van Zandt to take preliminary action in regard to testifying the appreciation of the people of Newport to the officers and men of the cutter Dexter for their praiseworthy services, in saving lives from the wrecked steamer City of Columbus. There were present Ex-Governor Van Zandt, Ex-Lieut. Gov. Fay, Mayor Franklin, Col. John H. Powell, Col. W. A. Stedman, Collector J. H. Cozzens, Col. A. E. Lunders, F. G. Harris, Senator T. M. Seabury, Representative Clark H. Burdick, John G. Weaver and John P. Sanborn. Gov. Van Zandt presided. The opinion of those present was unanimous that the heroic conduct of the officers and men deserved some public recognition. It was decided to hold a public meeting of the citizens sometime next week to take the proper measures to present some such testimonial. Messrs. Weaver, Lunders and Harris were appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements for such a meeting, and Miss Honor Mayor Franklin, and Messrs. Harris and Lunders were appointed a finance committee to procure funds to pay the expense of such meeting and suitable testimonial. All present spoke in the highest terms of the brave deeds of the officers and crew of the cutter, and all felt that the people of Newport would esteem it a privilege to do something to express their appreciation of these brave men.

The Ice Harvest.

A regular January thaw has prevailed here for the past two or three days, Thursday being decidedly rainy, and the excellent sleighing of the early part of the week has entirely disappeared. The mild weather came too late this time, however, to cause any serious trouble for the inn dealers. The various houses of the Newport and Lilly Pond Ice Companies are all full as are also the numerous private houses, while those of the Citizen's Ice Company and of Isaac Clarke are nearly supplied. The two former companies have put in about 15,000 and 10,000 tons, respectively, and though annoyed some by the changeable weather, the harvest has been attended with excellent good luck. The ice is of extra good quality, it averaging from eight to eleven inches in thickness, and being perfectly clear. The Newport Ice Company say that for quality and quantity it is the best season they have ever had. This latter company have ordered a thousand tons of Easter ice for their depot on Commercial wharf, which will complete their supply. The Newport Ice Company and the Lilly Pond Company were about six and six and three-quarter days, respectively, in making the harvest.

Lieut. John U. Rhodes.

Lieutenant John U. Rhodes of the revenue cutter Samuel Dexter, whose gallant conduct at the recent Gay Head disaster is described in another column, is a native of Fair Haven, Conn., where he was born on the 20th of September, 1860. Entering the service from that date as third lieutenant on June 17, 1873, he received his present commission of second lieutenant on May 17, 1880, and is at present 26 on the list. He served on the Boutwell at Ogdensburg, and Gulf at Wilmington, respectively, until 1880, when he came to the Dexter at this station. He remained here until April, 1881, when his wife, who belonged in North Carolina, being in poor health, he exchanged stations with Lieut. Tuttle, who wished to come North, and returned to the sofa again came to this station on the 1st of December last. He has always been spoken of wherever known in the highest terms as an officer and a gentleman, but the opportunity to especially distinguish himself had never offered itself until the terrible wreck at Gay Head. His family consists of two young daughters who live at New Haven, Conn.

Artillery Lecture Course.

The Hon. Thomas Finch having cancelled his engagement with the Artillery Co., the committee consider themselves very fortunate in being able to secure so good a substitute as Miss Phoebe Cousins of St. Louis, one of the most distinguished lady orators now on the lecture platform. "A graceful, witty and eloquent speaker, she holds the closest attention of an audience, and convinces by unanswerable argument, addressed alike to heart and brain." She is a graduate of the Washington University, where she received the degree of LL. B., and has been admitted to practice in all the courts of Missouri. Season ticket holders will use the Hon. Thomas Finch, or No. 8 ticket.

The company have secured the Lotus Club of Boston and the American Band of Providence to complete the course and the entertainment will be given Wednesday evening, Feb. 13th.

The Union Congregation at Sunday School will give one of their old time exhibitions consisting of recitations, dialogues, solos, duets, trios and choruses, in the church, Division street on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22nd.

The base ball contest to date stands as follows: Newport, 96; Dreadnaughts, 68;

THE GREAT WINTER FAIR.

An Immense Success—Large Crowds Every Night—Much Enthusiasm on the Part of the Young Ladies' Soliciting Funds and the Nineteen Pennies Rapidly Change Hands—Governor Maura and Staff Present Thursday Evening.

The great winter fair of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society commenced in the Opera House Monday evening, and has continued each afternoon and evening since. It will close this evening, making one entire week of fair. The committee in charge of the fair have worked long and arduously in its behalf, and the gratifying success thus far indicates that the people appreciate their efforts to furnish a week's entertainment for them. The Opera House has been decorated with great taste, and with much labor and expense.

In the centre of the auditorium is a beautiful flower bower, of circular form, with columns elegantly decorated, baving upon the top of each a pot of beautiful artificial flowers. This charming place is presided over by Miss Amelia M. Greene, with an able corps of assistants.

Back of the flower stand is the "well" where thirty mortals quench their thirst with cooling lemonade deftly handled by the mistress of the well, Miss Isabella Wood.

Around the sides of the house under the galleries are the various departments. The first on the right from the stage is the charming fairy lake, the delight of all the children and liberally patronized by old as well as young. The beautiful gondolas which sail on this tempestuous sea was manufactured by Mr. Wm. Carty. The mistress of the fairies is Mrs. George W. Barlow.

The next object of interest is the fruit stand, presided over by Mrs. Sidney B. Gladding, and decorated in a beautiful and artistic manner by herself and husband. The other tables are all gracefully trimmed and present a very pleasing feature of the fair. Next after the fruit table in regular order are the sprout tables in charge of Miss Etta Brown; the cake table, Miss Sarah Weaver; fancy table, Miss Anna Hazard; and Mrs. John T. Tripp; candy table, Miss Mattle Goffe. Each of these ladies are ably assisted by willing and active assistants.

On the stage is the gift tree which yields new fruit every night, and which is under the special charge of Miss Sadie Norton. The sleigh, two guess poles, the large and beautiful doll occupy prominent places at the front of the stage. In the centre is an elegant pyramid of fruit, arranged with much care and taste by Carl Hertgen, while at the back are the supper and ice cream tables, which are liberally patronized. The supper tables are in charge of Mrs. Thomas Burlington, Mrs. Wm. A. Peckham, Mrs. Rebecca Anthony, Mrs. Josiah Peckham, Mrs. Jacob Weaver, Mrs. John Black, Mrs. W. H. Westcott, Mrs. A. C. Lunders, Mrs. James H. Taylor, Mrs. Banc J. Davis, Mrs. Wm. L. Sisson and Miss Tiny Barker, cashier. The ice cream table is in charge of Miss Sadie Spooner and Miss Harriet Anthony, cashier, with an able corps of assistants. The sofa fountain is in charge of Miss Katie Fox. The boxes are all handsomely decorated, and are used as the business offices for the officers of the fair.

The fair opened Monday evening with some four hundred people in attendance. At eight o'clock His Honor Mayor Franklin made a brief address and declared the institution formally opened, after which the young ladies with small books in hand set bravely to work soliciting the dimes, quarters, halves, etc., from the multitude. This admirable work they have kept up ever since with a good degree of success.

Tuesday evening the crowd increased so that standing room was somewhat limited and locomotion decidedly impeded. The gallery was well filled during the entire evening. The first drawing of prizes took place this evening, and created considerable interest, the lucky holders of successful tickets, bearing off their trophies with smiling countenances.

Wednesday evening the attendance reached its climax. Standing room was at a premium, and in the gallery every seat was taken. Many came presumably to see the Governor, who unfortunately was compelled to go to New York that day and consequently could not reach Newport. The crowd, however, enjoyed itself, apparently, for it was after 11 o'clock before there was any perceptible diminution in numbers. The second drawing of prizes took place, the result of which we give elsewhere. The young ladies in charge of the various voting departments increased their lists very rapidly this evening, and the pocket-books of the young men were rapidly depleted.

Thursday all day the rain came down in torrents and the evening was decidedly dark, damp and disagreeable. Notwithstanding the weather there were some four hundred persons present. His Excellency Governor Bourn and Col. Eddy and Lunders and Utter of his staff were present, and remained till the "last gun was fired." They fought nobly and distributed their cash liberally to the handsome young ladies who had ponies, pleasure, sleighs, chamber sets, etc., to dispose of. At about 9:30 His Honor Mayor Franklin and Gov. Bourn and staff set down to supper on the stage, prepared for His Excellency by the ladies in charge of the supper tables. The other invited guests were Representative Bull of Middletown, Alderman Waters, Councilman Greene, Collector Cozzens, ex-Councilman Burdick, F. M. Ware and F. G. Harris. The evening hours proved a very pleasant one indeed, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather outside. The receipts of the evening footed up very liberally.

The pony and phaeton are taking well, and many tickets have been sold, the drawing will take place this evening. Miss Etta Brown and Miss Mary Van Alstyne have charge of soliciting subscriptions for this ride. The elegant chamber set, presented by the Providence Furniture Company, is also bringing in much income to the fair. Miss Mary Douglass and Miss Rebecca Greene are carrying on a generous tally in the soliciting of subscriptions for this set. The young lady getting the most names is to receive a handsome present from the Providence Furniture Company.

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Mutuals, 63; Fort Adams, 16; Atlantic, 11. The contest for the most popular policeman: James G. Albro, 38; B. F. Davis, 31; Chas. Gillies, 14; Wm. Deeman, 6; Martin Curley, 8; Chas. Ackers, 2. The most popular sea captain seems to be Capt. Waters, Townsend, Keller and Gilford.

The officers of the fair whose labors have made it so complete a success are His Honor Mayor Franklin, president; M. Hull, treasurer; Col. A. C. Lunders, superintendent; Thomas Burdick and John Black, assistant superintendents; William A. Peckham, James Anthony, Wm. O. Greene, Geo. V. Lawton, Abram Albury, Silas B. Gladding, Wm. J. Cozzens and F. G. Harris.

This evening will complete the week's entertainment when all the principal prizes will be drawn; the lucky holders of prize numbers on the coupon tickets will be announced, after which all the goods remaining unsold will be disposed of by auction. This will be the most interesting evening of the week.

The following have been the lucky persons during the past four nights, together with the list of articles which have been drawn by them:

Plaque, Mrs. G. A. Muenchinger; Two Silver Spangled Hamburgs, Maurice Butler; Trio Bantams, Willie Gratzic; On the tree, First prize, Lamp, F. M. Ware; 2d prize, Duzou Engraved Goblets, D. L. Cummings; Jar of Pears, H. R. Anthony; Jar of Horseradish, Mrs. Stafford Brayer; Box Desert Water, John J. Penhance; Box French Fruit, R. F. Franklin; Dopus Lamp, Mrs. S. P. Slocum; White Carrige Robe, H. Bell; Jr.; Sleigh Bells, Mrs. H. Bell, Jr.; Turkey Jr. H. Taylor, correct guess on Weight, 18 lb. 11 oz.; Box French Fruit, J. J. Flood; Jar of Prunes, Miss A. M. Greene; Two Cane Fruits, James G. Albro; Jar of Pineapple, F. M. Ware; Case of Pond Lillies, W. A. Chase; Water Color Painting, James S. Peckham; Greson Turkey, No. 2, J. Reilly; 9 lb. 4 oz.; J. H. Wetherell; 9 lb. 12 oz.; Corset Weight, 9 lb. 8 oz., Reilly and Wetherell drew lots for the turkey and Reilly won; Ladie's Silver Watch, J. H. Wetherell; Five Dollars, S. A. Puter; Jar of Pears, Samuel Ege; Two Boxes Sardines, W. P. Clarke, Jr.; Jar of Sardines, D. E. Young; Paper Tapico, Samuel Ege; One box Wafers, John H. Wetherell; One Picture, Benjamin Howland; Fancy Doll, Lewis Lawton; One pair Horse Blankets, C. L. Tew; Whip, John Black; Two Cushions, H. Bell, Jr.; Large Oak, E. L. Hildreth; Marble Clock, H. S. Peckham; Wax Cross, William Goss; Cabinet, Louis Lawton; Flower Fan, W. J. Cozzens; Jar Pears, M. W. Hall; Jar Plum, Maggie Rose; Basket Fruit, Mrs. W. J. Cozzens; Box Wafers, Russell & Son; Jar Herring, J. H. Wetherell; Jar Blue Apple, R. S. Franklin; Three Cane Fruits, J. H. Wetherell; Paper Tapico, John Waters.

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Society.

Webster to his dead Son.

In 1820, after losing a cherished son, Charles, aged three years, Mr. Webster enclosed the following verse in a letter to his wife:

'My son, thou wast my heart's delight,
Thy morn of life was gay and cheery;
That morn has rushed to sudden night,
Thy father's life is sad and dreary.'

I held thee on my knee, my son!
And bid' thee laughing, kiss'd thee weep-

ing;
But bid' thy little day is done,
Thou'rt with thy angel sister sleeping.

The staff, on which my years should lean,
Is broken, ere three years come o'er me;
My funeral dues thou shouldest have seen,
But thou art in the tomb before me.

Thou'rt near' to me no filial stone,
No parent's grave with tears beholdest;

Thou'rt my successor, my son!

And stand'st in heaven's account the

old.

On earth my lot was soonest cast;

Thy generation after mine,

Thou'rt my predecessor past;

Early eternity is thine.

I should have set before thine eyes

The road to heaven, and showed it clear;

But thou'rt my teacher living here.

Sweet scrup, I would learn of thee,

And hasten to partake thy bliss!

And oft' to thy world welcome me,

As first I welcomed thee to this.

Dear angel, thou art safe in heaven;

No prayer for thee need more be made;

Oh! let thy prayers for those be given

Who oft have blessed thy infant head.

My father! I beheld thee born,

And bid' thy tottering steps with care;

Before me then to heaven's bright morn

My soul! my father! guide me there.

For Those Who Fall.

"All honor to him who shall win the prize,"
The world has cried for a thousand years,
But to him who tries and fails and dies
I give great honor, and glory and tears.

Give glory and honor and pitiful tears

To all who fall in their deeds sublime,

Their ghosts are mingled in the van of years.

They were born with Time, in advance of
Time.

Oh, great is the hero who wins a name,

But greater many and many a time

Some pale-faced fellow who dies in shame

And lets God frown the thought sublime.

And great in the man with a sword undrawn,

And good in the man who refrains from

Wrath,

But the man who falls and still fights on,

He is the twin-born brother of virtue.

—Joaquin Miller in Philadelphia Press.

Selected Tale.

A WITLESS THING.

"A document in judgment, thoughts and
remembrances listed." —Hawthorne, Nov. 20, 1850.

"Now remember, Lord Grayton,"
said the doctor solemnly, "I told
you. You are very welcome to come
to our ball, though, as a rule we only
ask a certain set of wise men and maid-
ens who know our ways and their
ways. Still, you are good looking,
humorous, and cheery, and if you are
sensitive you can enjoy yourself, and,
maybe, do them a world of good. I
believe in electricity as a curative
agent—not the quack nonsense of belt
and chains and musical boxes; that
only shake the nerve centres, but the
real electricity of animal spirits, the
tonic of good health."

"I shall do exactly as I am bid,"
said Lord Grayton, a handsome, florid,
muscular young man, strong as a horse,
but not a balloon, just back after a
self-imposed exile of five years in
India with the big game; "but tell
me of all those confounded cautions
again. I did a lot of dancing of
various kinds years ago, before I went
after the tigers"—and he laughed as
if winged memories of Mayfair and the
Lotus Club swam back to him—"and
I've tried both the Corroboree and the
Salonga; but 'pon honor, I never
danced with a lunatic girl yet."

"Are you quite sure of that?"
said the doctor grimly; "they are to
be met with outside of Copswood, I
can tell you. However, listen: the
rule is simple. It's civil and don't contradict.
If old Crackton asks you to
play chess, play. He's a good player,
and will beat you fairly if he can; if
he can't he'll make a false move and
call 'checkmate,' and you must resign.
If poor Shrubby thinks you are the
Prince, and 'Sir's' you all over the
place, and throws out hints about be-
ing asked to Sandringham; if you are
asked to listen to the chiming clock
in Baker's interior, or to avoid some
one else, because he's glass and might
break, you must do your best and be
courteous to them all, and on no ac-
count laugh at their fancies."

"Sounds rather jumpy. And the
ladies?"

"I'll see to that, and introduce you
to the nicest, and tell you what to
avoid speaking about; the men will
make the talking for themselves, the
women don't talk much."

"Sign of insanity, I suppose. And
what am I to talk about?"

"Everything except one thing—the
Empress of Austria, the stage, or
white roses, or Mr. Mellock, or black
stockings. I'll give you the cue—never-
ever fear; only it may happen that one
of them may ask you to dance, and
then you must steer as best you can—
talk society or art or chance. My
own girls and their friends get on fam-
ously with the male patients, and
you must do your best. Come, you
are going to be our best tonic to-night;
and you must be off and dress; nine
sharp, mind, as they all go to bed at
midnight."

"Querulous thing," soliloquized Gray-
ton as he completed an elaborate dress-
ing, "beginning my first season after

five years by dancing with a lot of in-
fatics. Hope they won't wear straw
in their hair; if they do, I shall bolt
to the Congleton's dance."

He had many strange adventures
that evening as he strolled about the
pretty ballroom at the Copswood pri-
vate asylum. He was duly defeated
at chess by the venerable Crackton,
who deliberately slid back a captured
queen on the board, and performed
prodigies of valor with her. He sym-
pathized with the man who had swal-
lowed a crocodile, and he noticed the
pale, cadaverous man who accused
himself by counting the lights on
each side of the room and singing
softly to himself, "Sorry I can't admit
it, sorry I can't admit it." He had
been an Acrostic Editor once upon a
time. He noticed the fussy little man,
with a blue shaven face, who wanted
to stage manage the sixteen Lancers,
and who pitifully entreated the danc-
ers to "go back over all that again,
please, and try and get it crispier,"
and the erratic journalist who wrote
paragraphs on his shirt cuffs, and
many strange folks that passed by in
the motley pageant of unsettled rea-
sons.

"There's King Lear," whispered
the Doctor, as a very foolish, fond old
man, four score and upwards, passed
him muttering of "Brighton's A's;"
"You know who he was?" and he
whispered a name in Grayton's ear
that made that old man whistle softly.

"And are there any Ophelias,
whose young maid's wife should be
as mortal as an old man's life?"
asked Grayton, showing that he knew
his Shakespeare as well as the Doc-
tor.

"Yes, but we keep their secrete.
Now go and dance," and the Doctor
took King Lear off for a cup of cof-
fee.

It was a sad, weird sight altogether,
and as Grayton watched it, it remind-
ed him of Kaulbach's "Dance of
Death," and he felt oddly morbid as
he thought of his own lonely life. He
had once loved and given his heart to
a woman whom he had both idealized
and idolized; he had youth, brains and
position, and with her he felt he could
conquer the world. It was an old
story; she was said to be as loveless as
she was lovely, and so he took to the
tigers. He had got over all now, but
he shuddered as he remembered the
fret of it all, and thought how near
madness he had been driven when he
heard of her ultimate fate, and where
her life had drifted to. So there were
Ophelias here! More like Audreys, he
thought, as he watched some rather
bucolic gamboiling in a corner. His
eyes wandered round the room and
rested at last on a face.

It was an exquisite oval face, some-
what sad and wistful in expression, of
that rare delicate olive color one sees
in the South, with the skin of so fine
a texture that the red flush sprang up
through the violets at a moment's
excitement; the large brown eyes
were soft and dreamy, the chiselled
mouth was half parted, and the dark-
brown hair, looking black at night,
was worn Greek fashion close to the
head, sweeping in undulating lines
past the tiny rose tipped ears. She
was seated on a low sofa, carelessly
clinging one knee with both hands.
She wore a simple white frock; just
mysteriously frilled round the little
white column of a throat, and a great
black-red rose nestled in her breast.
One little high-arched foot, in peach-
colored netted silk, kept swinging to
the music. No one seemed to talk to
her except the Doctor, who smiled
meanly as he passed and said some-
thing to which she answered with a
nod.

"Ophelia at last," said Grayton to
himself; and in melancholy vein he
wished he were Hamlet and could lie
at her feet and watch the play.

"Poor Ophelia divided from her-
self and her fair judgment!" (the
quotation was irresistible). I wonder
what sent her here—some brute of a
man, or a soldier-lover killed at Kas-
sassin. Gracious! I hope this terrible
Meg Merrilles is not going to ask me
to dance!" and he moved away, as he
saw a wild-eyed woman bearing down
upon him, to a seat somewhat nearer
to the pale girl with the black-red
rose.

For a time he watched her; then he
tried to magnetize her. At last their
eyes met; he stared her full in the
face. She never shrank from his look,
only a sort of pitying light seemed to
glow in the sorrowful eyes. A mo-
ment passed, and then she rose quiet-
ly and with perfect self-possest
grace walked over to him—to his
intense astonishment sat down quietly
by his side, and said in a soft, musical
voice:

"You seem sad to-night. I am sor-
ry."

For a moment he was tongue-tied;
then he recollects his instructions and
pulled himself together.

"Well I think I was sad because
you were looking sad."

"Was I? I suppose I always do
then. Of course, being here naturally
makes one feel sad. But we won't
talk of that," she added quickly. "Do
you care for dancing? I'll dance with
you, if you like."

"Dance with you?"

"O, yes, if you like; many of the
other dance, you know."

"How calmly she seems to recog-
nize her sad state!" thought Grayton,
as he stood up and passed his arm
round poor Ophelia's slender waist,
wondering how she would "jig and
amble." They were playing the

"Dream Faces," and as they swang in
undulating rhythm to the pretty song
he felt that few slips of sane seventeen
could come up to her.

"That's right," said the Doctor, en-
couragingly; "test a good example."
"Mean I'm to be a tonic, I suppose?"
thought Grayton; so he carried off
Ophelia for an ice.

"You dance beautifully," she said.
"No, you sit down and I'll get you the
ice; there now, there's a spoon and a
wafer; now you feel comfortable, don't
you? Isn't that a lovely place?"

"Yes, I'm fond of 'Dream Faces,'
the people one meets in dreams are
generally vastly nicer than the real
folk. I have many dream friends."

"Have you?" she said, looking
amused; "tell me of them."

"Well, you know, I think I'm mar-
ried to a dream-wife—just like Gil-
bert's Princess Toto, you know, with
her dream husband. And she comes
to me sometimes and scolds me if I've
done anything wrong in the day; and
sometimes she's cross and doesn't come
near me for weeks."

He felt as if he was telling a fairy
tale to a child.

"How charming! Do tell me more
of her. Is she beautiful? What is
she like?"

The fanciful conceit seemed to
amuse her, so he went on drawing
pretty pictures of an ideal woman,
then growing unconsciously eloquent,
he burst out: "Ah, if one could only
meet her alive, what a wife she would
make. A very second self, siding,
sympathizing, helping, loving—at once
the cheeriest of chums and the most
idolized of idols."

She flushed a little as he spoke,
but she went on, "What a pretty pic-
ture! Where did you get your beau-
tiful thoughts about marriage?"

"I suppose my dream girl taught
me."

"Is she pretty?"

Grayton wondered if deliberate,
bare-faced compliments would be a
good tonic for a lunatic. "Yes, beau-
tiful. She has large brown eyes,
wonderful hair, a low voice, an olive
oval face, she dances superbly, and she
wears a black-red rose in her white
dress."

Ophelia looked a little frightened.
"Forgive me, I didn't mean to be
rude, but she is—really, you are not
angry with me?" and he laid his hand
gently on her.

"I often go there and try to do some
good. I cheer them sometimes; but
to-night! O, how wrong and stupid of
me!"

There was a little pause as he looked
at her with his frank, kindly eyes.
"Let us forget and forgive, Lady
Mary; after all, you were very good
to poor Hamlet."

"And you were very nice and kind
to foolish Ophelia. Listen! there's
the 'Dream Faces,' again; let us see
if we can dance it in our right minds,"
she said, as she rose with a nervous
smile quivering in the corners of her
lips.

And so it happened that in a month
they both came to their right mind,
and the Doctor was at the wedding.—
London World.

rolled down his jolly face, "Bless my
heart, no! That's Lady Mary Pettigrew,
daughter of old Lord Pettigrew, and
she's one of the cleverest and
sweetest girls in the world. I thought
you knew her."

"Not I! She came over and spoke
to me and—"

"I see it all—look you for a patient?
O, this is too lovely!" and the Doctor
was positively boisterous in his merriment.

Grayton bolted to the House, and
having duly recorded his vote against
the Bill, went up from the Commons,
for chloroforming grouse instead of
shooting them, betook himself in a
strange state of bewilderment to Lady
Congleton's. His hostess welcomed
him warmly, like the returned prodigal
that he was, and insisted upon
introducing him to some one to whom
she seemed to have a special interest.

"Really a delightful girl, Lord
Grayton, quite after your own heart—
devoted to Art and Philanthropy, you
know."

Grayton was too full of thought to
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Farm, Garden and Household.

Treatment for Blows or "Hives" in Cattle.

The treatment for bloat in cattle is various: As the bloat is caused by indigestion, the first remedy is to give a liberal dose of linseed-oil, which causes the stomach and bowels to act. But this should be accompanied by some means to condense or neutralize the gathered gas in the paunch, and an ounce of carbonate of ammonia dissolved in water is useful for this purpose. If this is not effective, the next thing to be done is to relieve the stomach of the gas by regurgitation, or as it is commonly called, belching. This is best done by putting a round stick 1-1/2 inches in diameter across the mouth as far back as possible and tying it to the horns to hold the mouth open. The cow, in her efforts to get rid of the obstruction, is very often relieved of the accumulated gas. If not, nothing remains but to puncture the paunch and let out the gas. This is done best by a special instrument called a trochar, which fits closely into a metal tube having a sort of cup at the end. The sharp point is pushed into the stomach at the left side of the animal, half-way between the hip bone and the last rib, and nine inches below the loin, and in a downward direction to avoid the kidneys, to wound which would be fatal. The trochar is drawn out of the tube, and the tube is left in the wound as a passage for the gas. If it gets clogged with the food in the paunch it is easily cleared by pushing a straw through it. After the gas has escaped and has stopped generating the tube may be withdrawn, when the wound closes and soon heals without any further attention, although it is better to smear a little tar over the spot which gathers the hair together and holds the opening closed. When no trochar is at hand, a common small knife-blade may be pushed through in the same manner and direction and a quill, or other tube like it, may be pushed through the hole and secured by wrapping twine around it to prevent it from passing through into the stomach. This part of an animal is quite amenable to such an operation, and cases have been known in which the stomach has been opened so that the hand could be inserted and the fermenting mass of food taken out. This extreme measure, however, is scarcely ever necessary, if the proper treatment is undertaken in the earliest stages of the disorder.

Foaming of Cream.

The difficulty of churning cream at this season arises chiefly from the temperature. When the cream is kept at too low a temperature it will either be too long in churning, or it will foam in the churn, and not make butter at all. It is absolutely necessary in keeping milk at this season that the temperature should be not lower than 60° or 62°; also that the cream should not be kept longer than three days, and before it is churned it should be warmed up to 65°. The length of time the cow has been milking is not always an incident in such a case as this, and yet at times the cow may be in fault. The temperature, however, is the cause in nearly every case. If the milk is set in a warm closet, so that the cream will rise in 48 hours, and is churned twice a week at a temperature of 65°, there should be no difficulty in churning.

Hidebound.

The Breeders' "Gazette" says: Hidebound, so called, in horses is not properly a disease itself, but rather the symptom of any one of many diseases. It is also one of the results of poor diet and keep, all sorts of derangements of the digestive organs, and various disorders of obscure seat or ill defined character. The grand remedy for it, of course, is to attack and overthrow the disease which causes it. But when that disease cannot be discovered or even sometimes as an accompaniment to the main treatment, when the disease is quite apparent, a few mashes, a little physic, an alterative, and regular repeated frictions of the body with a stiff brush, are often successful in removing hidebound.

A Cure for Scratches.

Scratches is usually caused by a local inflammation of the skin; it is then called commonly "mad fever," a name which indicates the common origin of the complaint. But it is also a local manifestation of a general want of health in the animal by which the blood becomes impure. In the first place local treatment such as washing with soap and water and bathing with a weak solution of chloride of zinc or chloride of potash.

one dram of each to a pint of water—will usually cure it. In the other remedies must be accompanied by medicines as a pound of epsom salts, followed by continued doses of one ounce of hyposulphite of soda given daily for two or three weeks.

It is a common remark that the cherry must be grafted early—a very indefinite term to most people. In the months of April and May, applications to the nurseries for scions are frequent, and no such orders can be honestly supplied at such a time. An amateur gardener brought with him from Germany a man skilled in several departments, one of which was grafting the cherry, and he claimed that earliness was the cardinal point. He said that they must be grafted in February.

Rather than to sell at the prevailing low prices, many farmers in Western and Southern New York are holding their potatoes till spring. Dealers are not anxious to buy at any price. Many of them have store-houses full of potatoes at thirty and thirty-five cents per bushel, and even at this low price they cannot get their money back. The commission merchants in New York city write that they will have potatoes to give away in the spring.

The "American Dairymen" says there is one point that should be deeply impressed upon the dairymen's mind, and that is if he wants to make a first class article of butter he must churn often. Never let the cream get over three days old, no matter how cold it may be kept. If cold, it will get old, flat and flinty. If sour, the whey will eat up the butter globules. Churn as often as you can.

Considerable difficulty is sometimes experienced in turning under corn stubble by spring plowing. It is greatly lessened by passing a heavy drag over the field, when as the roots are loosened by frost the butts are tipped over. The gain to the oat or barley crop following will more than pay the expense.

Feed your poultry on raw onions, chopped fine, mixed with other food, about once every other day. It is better than a dozen cures for as many different diseases.

English papers say that the run on Hereford cattle by American buyers at this time is phenomenal, and the like was never known before.

Home Decoration.

A pretty sofa pillow is made of ordinary bed-lining by working an open cat-stitch over the blue stripes which will only partially conceal them, and covering the white stripes closely with brier stitch in every variety of color. Both sides may be alike, or the back may be of satin. Make the pillow up in the meal bag fashion, that is, a well-stuffed sack, square at one end and tied at the other, leaving a will about six inches wide which may be used with satin or plush. The big should be tied with a heavy cord and tassel, or with a handsome shaded satin ribbon. The pillow may be edged with a cord, but neither fringe nor tassels should be added to the bottom.

The wooden cover of a fig drum or of any round box, may be filled with bran with hair enough over it to make it round and full when it is covered. Cut a circular piece of muslin large enough to turn under and tack upon the bottom. Cover a piece of pasteboard with silk or cashmere to put on the bottom, then cover the top with satin embellished with an embroidered central ornament, and encircle the cushion with a pinked silk ruche trebly plaited, and broad enough to fully cover the straight sides.

A handsome cushion for a dressing table is square in form, with a well or socket in the middle to hold a fancy toilet bottle. The cushion is covered with satin and bordered with cluny or antique lace, the socket for the bottle, is made by covering a strip of pasteboard with satin, fastening it together neatly and sewing it upon a circular piece of pasteboard. In other words make a model of a small shallow rumber, and set it into the cushion as thimble cups are put into the leather needle books that used to be so universal.

A wall-pocket formed of Japanese fans is quite an addition to a prettily-furnished bed-room. Arrange the fans one above the other, taking two for the base: shorten the handles of the other three fans, which should be tacked to a strip of stiff paper covered with satin or brocade. Around the fans run a fluting of narrow lace and adorn the handles with very narrow ribbon, maypole style; cross the handles of the lower fans, and here place a cluster of beads or a brilliant butterfly with spread wings, and tack the pocket to the wall.

Canaries' Sore Feet.

To remove the soreness, bathe the bird's feet in a little warm water and tincture of arnica. About ten drops of arnica to five or six table-spoonfuls of water. An insufficient amount of gravel on the bottom of the cage will pre-

vent the bird from keeping its feet clean and may cause them to become sore. Very small perches are also a frequent cause of sore feet. Perches almost, if not quite half an inch in diameter are by no means too large for canaries and birds of like size.

Lack of Judgment in Dress.

Upon one lady we beheld a jersey bodice defining the figure perfectly, fitting like a sheath and utterly devoid of trimming of any sort, and beside her another lady, with corsage decorated with lace, frills, puffs, buttons and flowers innumerable, and it is ten to one that the lady wears the jersey w/o ought to adopt the full-trimmed bodice and vice versa. This is surprisingly often the case in the matter of bonnets, the little-faced woman getting into a huge poko, laden with trimmings, and a full-moon-faced matron walking abroad in a baby cap.

Recipes for the Table.

OYSTER CROQUETTES.—Take the hard end of the oyster, leaving the other end in nice shape for a soup or stew; seal them, then chop fine and add an equal weight of potatoes rubbed through a colander; to one pound of this add two ounces of butter, one teaspoonful of pepper, half a teaspoonful of mace and one-half gill of cream; make in small rolls, dip in egg and grated bread and fry in deep lard.

MARBLE CAKE.—For white part: One cup of butter, three cups of sugar, five cups of flour, one-half teaspoonful of soda, whites of eight eggs; flavor with lemon. Dark part: One half cup of butter, two cups of brown sugar, one cup of molasses, one cup of sour milk, four cups of flour, one teaspoonful of soda, yolks of eight eggs, one whole egg, splices of all kinds. Put in a pan, first a layer of dark, then a layer of light, and finish with a dark layer.

SNOW CAKE.—Three-fourths of a cup of butter, two cups of sugar, one cup of milk, one cup corn starch, two cups flour, one and one-half teaspoonful of baking powder mix corn starch, flour and baking powder together; add the butter and sugar alternately with the milk; lastly add the whites of seven eggs. Flavor to taste.

LOBSTER CROQUETTES.—Chop the lobster very fine; mix with pepper, salt, bread crumbs and a little parsley; moisten with cream and a little piece of butter; shape with your hands; dip in egg, roll in bread crumbs and fry.

Fashion Fancies.

The Medicis collar is very popular this year.

Pale pink and blue repped velvets are used for dinner dresses.

The newest handkerchiefs have the merest shadow of a hem.

Bright gold is now considered the favorite color for evening wear.

A pretty watch chain consists of beads of lapis, separated with pearls.

Very brilliant is a large screen fan covered with the feathers of humming birds.

Feather fans with light tortoise-shell sticks are used for theatres and operas.

Chandron, or reddish-brown copper, is a most popular color for evening dresses.

Sealskin mantles, long in front and short at the back, are edged with seal pompons.

Some of the latest bridal dresses have a broad band of white fur bordering the train.

Short plain skirts of sealskin are worn with pomanders of rich repped seal-brown silk.

Driving mantlets of velvet are ornamented with gold appliques, gold cord and beads.

Open-worked or embroidered red silk stockings often have silver or gold threads introduced.

Pompons, bows or loops of ribbon and tufts of ostrich feathers are now used to trim skirts and corsages.

Some curious fans are made entirely of owl's feathers, and have an owl's head with ruby eyes on the frame work.

Odd bonnets of white velvet are bordered with seal fur and trimmed with costly fur, and bonnets of red velvets are trimmed with black.

Long heavy trains of rich dresses are sometimes embroidered or bordered with costly fur, but they are quite as handsome perfectly plain.

An elegant evening wrap is of ruby velvet, embroidered in Indian palms with silver and steel beads and trimmed with gold passementerie and fringe.

The straight, high dog-collar is affected by women with long, slender throats. It is generally made of dark velvet, stiff, with gold, silver, steel or pearl embroidery.

An opera cloak, of white plush, is worn on the shoulders, has the back covered with embroidery of colored beads, is lined with striped satin and trimmed with beaded fringe.

Among handsome novelties in dress trimmings are richly embroidered metallic bullions and incrustations of semi-precious stones in relief upon velvet, chenille, brocaded satins, and finely dimmed silks, in Louis XIII. design.

A certain wealthy senator from one of the Western States has dropped \$800,000 in speculating in Northern Pacific stock.

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The Rev. J. E. Searis, of New York, is one of the most widely-known and highly esteemed of Methodist ministers.

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At THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders, held this day, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected directors for the year ensuing:

John C. Brainerd, Charles P. Barber, Samuel Carr, George S. Libbey, Perry G. Case, Stephen H. Norman, Augustus G. Titus.
At a subsequent meeting of the directors, the following officers were elected:
John C. Brainerd, President;
Stephen H. Norman, Vice-President;
Thomas A. Spence, Teller;
Harry E. Moulton, Clerk.
STEPHEN H. NORMAN, Cashier.

Newport National Bank.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders, Tuesday, January 16th, 1884, following gentlemen were elected directors:

William Brownell, William E. Dennis, Henry Bull, Jr., John E. Stedman, William Gilpin, William Bailey, John C. Brainerd, President, Henry C. Stevens, Cashier.

At a meeting of the directors held the same day, William Brownell, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, Henry C. Stevens, Cashier.

J. G. STEVENS, Secretary.

Aquidneck National Bank.

AT A MEETING of the stockholders of this bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:

Joe T. Carr, Thos. Coggeshall, John L. Simmons, John H. Franklin, John A. McCollum, Wm. H. Flinck, Chas. T. Hopkins, Cashier.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 8, 1884.

First National Bank.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of this bank, held this day, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the year ensuing:

John C. Brainerd, Philip Rider, John H. Corson, Henry H. Fay, John A. Stacy, Robert S. Chace, Gardner S. Perry.

At a meeting of the directors the same day, Munford Souther was elected President, R. Swinburne, Cashier, Edward L. Spender, Teller, David P. Eastcrosby, Clerk.

RATH. R. SWINBURNE, Cashier.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors held the same day William A. Clark was elected President, and Thomas P. Peckham was elected Vice-President.

J. S. COGGESHALL, Cashier.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 9, 1884.

Union National Bank, of Newport, R. I.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of this bank, held their banking room on Tuesday, January 16th, 1884, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

William Shattuck, George F. Crandall, Robert S. Barker, William E. Crandall, Thomas B. Buffum, Michael Cuskell, Noah Rotford.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors held the same day George F. Crandall was elected President, John S. Coggeshall, Cashier and William A. Coggeshall, Teller.

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